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Italy Issues 3-D Savings Stamps

It sometime takes the Italian
Ministry of Posts a long time to
get around to things. This particu-
lar story, according to P. Os-
trow, Burlington, Vt., goes back
three years!

In June 1953 the Gazzetta Ufficiale
published Presidential Decree No.
577, dated June 25, authorizing a
"tridimensional stamp". From that
date to this, the project has been
hashed, re-hashed, debated and
denounced. Finally, it became a
fact. The momentous date when the
first "tridimensional stamp"
was placed on sale is not, momen-
tarily, at hand, but the stamps—
two in number—are out, and mark
the first anniversary of Italy's ad-
mission to the United Nations.



The "tridimensionalism" con-
sists of an elongated globe, printed
in red, on which is superimposed
a second globe printed in green.
Under different filters, one or the
other of the globes disappears.

The stamps themselves are in
denominations of 25 Lire (red/
green on pink) and 60L (blue/
green/red on light green). De-
signs are identical having the
globes, and inscriptions "ONU
ONU", and "L'Italia nelle Nazioni
Unite" (Italy in the United Na-
tions). From the small printer's
date at the bottom of the design,
it appears that the set appeared in
the last days of 1956.

The stamps are printed on a
very brittle, chalky-surfaced, un-
watermarked paper, of such char-
acter that it is virtually certain
that, in years to come, blocks will
be very hard to come by and gutter
pairs virtually unknown. This
is the same type of paper used so
unsuccessfully on the 60L da Vinci
commem. of 1952 (Scott No. 619).
It may be remembered that the
da Vinci stamp was retired from
postal use rather prematurely be-
cause the paper rendered it so un-
satisfactory as a postage stamp.



The set commemorates the first
anniversary of Italy's admission to
the United Nations, which took
place on December 14, 1955, after
Russia finally reversed a stubborn
opposition of seven years' stand-
ing. Fifteen other nations were ad-
mitted at the same time. The re-
cord shows that no votes were cast

in opposition to the Italian mem-
bership.

Also released, apparently at the
same time is a 25L blue and blue
green stamp to mark the 80th anni-
versary of Italy's Postal Savings
System. The design shows the
Postal Savings Building and Post-
al Savings Certificates.

At the bottom, in a single line,
is the legend "1876 - 80° Anniver-
sario della Risparmia Postale -
1956" (1876 - 80th Anniversary of
Postal Savings - 1956). The design-
er is R. Pierbattista.

Polio Release In PMG's Office

Ernest A. Kehr

Postmaster General Arthur E.
Summerfield again demonstrated
his appreciation of philatelic in-
terest when he invited a number
of the country's more active of
stampdom's personalities to a
ceremony in his office to launch
the sale of the new Polio stamp,
January 15.

Among those present were Jac-
ques Minkus, Mrs. Frieda Bul-
ler, of the Philadelphia Museum; Ad-
miral Jess G. Johnson, of the
American Air Mail Society; Frank-
lin R. Bruns and Al Kunze, of the
Smithsonian Institution's Philatelic
Division; Fred Barovick, president
of S.P.A.; Svend Yort, of the
Washington Philatelic Society; Sol
Glass, of the Bureau Issues Assn.;
Peter Keller of the A.S.D.A.

The other 100 persons who were
specially invited consisted of Con-
gressmen, health and government
officials, and persons affiliated
with the fight against Polio.

Each of them received a pro-
gram folder which describes the
stamp's purpose and contained a
mint block of them.

Mr. Summerfield started the
ceremonies and turned them over
to his assistant, Maurice H. Stans,
who pointed out that it was the
"first stamp in our country to
mark a major turning point in
civilization's battle against disease
and affliction."

The usual albums containing a
full sheet of the stamps signed by
the Postmaster General were pre-
pared for President Dwight Eisen-
hower; Basil O'Connor, President
of the National Foundation for In-
fantile Paralysis; Dr. Thomas M.
Rivers, Medical Director for the
foundation; Marion B. Folsom,
Secretary for Health Education
and Welfare; Dr. Leroy E. Burney,
Surgeon General, Public Health
Service, and Dr. James A. Shan-
non, Director National Institutes of
Health.

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under the supervision of Stanley Hod-
ziewicz, where guests might buy
the stamps and procure first-day
cancellations on their programs
and other covers. This service was
not available to the public gener-
ally.

Among other familiar faces were
those of Robert E. Fellers, Division
of Philately; Postmaster Roy
North of Washington; Albert Rob-
ertson, former Assistant Postmas-
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Mr. Summerfield's administrative
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ficial journal of the Peninsular
State Philatelic Society. Puls' ar-
ticle is illustrated with pictures of
four rare covers.

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of a Jamaica cancellation collector
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The Old Run-a-round

Below you will find a news story of fact concerning the theft and recovery of the stamps stolen from Mr. Gerber in 1953. This story is from the work and effort of a special staff writer for Linn's Weekly. The facts and findings and opinions are his, after conference with the police of Tampa and with newspaper men of Tampa.



GEORGE W. LINN

I particularly want to call your attention to the fourth paragraph in the story below. What this staff writer says there is in line with what we have learned through our own efforts. It leaves us with the opinion and belief that the Insurance Board which represents the individual insurance company with whom the stamps were insured is interested solely in the recovery of the stolen goods and that in making such recovery they fail to take any steps to punish the offenders.

The position of Mr. Robert Siegel and the Weill Brothers has thus far been the same. Their refusal to name the parties or party who introduced them to the party or parties from whom they purchased the stamps puts them in the same boat with the Insurance people. Messrs Siegel and Weill owe it to the stamp collectors and dealers of America to name these people and let the consequences fall where they may. It is entirely possible that the party or parties who introduced them to the party or parties from whom they bought the stamps may be entirely innocent of any wrong doing. It is also possible that the party or party who sold them the stamps may be equally innocent, but somewhere along the line it should be possible to trace back to the party or parties who actually stole the stamps and it should be the duty of both the Insurance Board as well as of Messrs. Siegel and Weill to name these people.

For our part we regret the inaction of all other philatelic publishers. These gentlemen by their lack of similar demands to what we make seem to condone the action as it is being followed and are thus failing in their duty as Philatelic Publishers to protect the interests of their readers. Enough public opinion through the Philatelic Press can force this matter to the right conclusion and we invite others to support our demands.

The Tampa Stamp Theft

The Tampa Police Department has closed its files on a \$30,000 stamp theft and apparently is making no active attempt to apprehend the thief or thieves.

A representative of Linn's Weekly Stamp News asked about the status of the S.P.A. Convention theft of 1953 and was told by Detective Inspector O. C. Beynon, of the Tampa Police Department, that the case is being carried in the inactive file since it is more than two years old.

He said he had heard reports that some of the stolen stamps had turned up, and indicated that federal authorities may be investigating a possible violation of the laws involving interstate transportation of stolen property.

Reporters for Linn's have received the brush-off in seeking information on the theft. There have been repeated reports in the stamp world that insurance people were seeking the return of as many of the stamps as possible and in exchange for the "cooperation" of those involved are not pressing charges or making information available to the police.

The theft occurred on August 15, 1953. Several thousand stamps, valued at between \$25,000 and \$35,000, were stolen from Lambert W. Gerber, 42-year-old Tamaqua, Pa., dealer, during the international convention and exhibition of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

Gerber, who heads a well-known auction business, had sold the stamps during the previous evening of August 14 and was preparing to mail the auction lots to the new owners on the day of the theft.

He left his hotel room for coffee and when he returned about 45 minutes later the stamps are missing. They were housed in loose-leaf binders and included the Columbian 4-cent color error and many other fine and scarce United States and foreign items.

Gerber left his hotel room for coffee and when he returned about 45 minutes later, the stamps were missing. Some \$400 in cash, which he had left lost in a drawer, was not disturbed.

The stamps had been secreted in a chest of drawers in the third-floor, two-room suite of the Hillsboro Hotel.

Police at the time said there were no signs that Gerber's door had been forced and said it probably was opened by an ordinary door key. It was found that door keys at the hotel were inter-changeable.

Nothing was heard from the case in more than three years. However, an alert Florida collector spotted what he believed were some of the stolen stamps in a Robert Siegel auction catalog. It seemed that some of the stolen items had been purchased by Siegel and Raymond Weill from some person in Florida whose identity Linn's has been unable to learn.

The total worth of the stolen stamps was believed to be between \$25,000 and \$35,000. They probably are worth even more today because prime U.S. and foreign material has appreciated in value in the last three years.

The Tampa theft was one of a series involving several hundred thousand dollars worth of stamps at various national and international shows. It appeared to be the work of a ring of professionals who knew exactly what they were looking for and planned the burglary in detail.

The "clam up" among those in high places in view of a great deal of apprehension and alarm among the thousands of collectors in the U.S., who believe the guilty parties should be punished and all the cards put on the top of the table.

Linn's has received many communications demanding that information on the case be made public and expressing anger that any "cover up" is being attempted.

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The Collectors Club of Seattle is announcing its full participation in the activities programmed for the first day of issue of the 3c Coast & Geodetic Survey commemorative at Seattle, Wash. February 11.

The club will have available five different cacheted envelopes designed by local artists, one multi-colored album sheet (3 1/2 x 11 punched), and a maximum card. The cacheted envelopes will be 25c each or the 5 different for \$1, which includes addressing, stuffing and mailing. There is no extra charge for "handback" service on orders, over \$5. The album sheet will be \$1 including flat mailing; and the maximum card will be 25c.

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Lastly, the Collectors Club of Seattle extends its hospitality to all dealers and collectors who will be in Seattle on the occasion of the first day. The clubrooms, in addition to being open each weekday evening as usual, will also be open each afternoon and on Saturday and Sunday from February 6 through 12.

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Feb. 23 — 3c Architects, New York City (no further details).

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1086 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.

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Giving the kids of the big city a holiday in the country is the purpose of a pair of semipostals to be issued by the West German Postal Administration on February 1. It is an annual custom to send as many Berlin children as possible to West Germany where they vacation in camps and sanatoriums at no expense to themselves or parents.

In a quantity of four million each are a 10 plus 5pf, and 20 plus 10pf. Joachim Dill of Bad Neustadt, Germany advises that the low value pictures three Berlin children starting on their holidays with trunk, rucksacks and a small flag which has the Berlin Bear. Colors are green and red.

The other has a mother and child welcoming home one of the children from the vacation. It is in red and blue.

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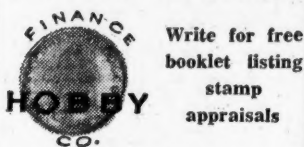
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A professional architect, who is
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architecture at the University of
Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. is
the designer of the stamp which
will be released February 23 to
note the Centennial of the Ameri-
can Institute of Architects. He is
Robert J. Schultz, 2834 Caroline
St., South Bend, Ind.

This commem will have its first
day of issue at New York City dur-
ing special ceremonies sponsored
by the AIA.

Mr. Schultz won a prize of \$500
for his winning design. Three run-
ners-up each received \$100. The
contest had been open to all
architects of the United States,
employees in their offices, and
architectural students.

Mr. Schultz is professionally as-
sociated with Frank Montana. He
has designed several of the build-
ings erected on the Notre Dame
campus.

The Post Office Department has
announced that the color selected
for this stamp will be purple.

1. Besides Martha Washington
what other female appears in the
design of stamps of the 1922-25
regular postage series?

2. Thomas Jefferson who ap-
pears on the 3c of the Presidential
and the 2c of the Liberty Series,
appeared on what denomination of
the 1922-25 regulars?

Wonder how many of you have
had difficulty abroad getting the
return of your new 4c and 4c In-
ternational Postal Card combina-
tion without the payment of post-
age due to a foreign post office.

I have heard of an instance
where such were refused without
the addition of postage due by the
Vatican and Italy. The postal brass
of both claimed they were not in-
ternational cards and so were not
entitled to that kind of treatment.

Since our POD has followed all
the necessary inscriptions and other
regulations for the manufacture
of these, it would seem that the
foreign postal officials aren't too
much on the ball. If you do run
across any such refusal, drop a
line to the Post Office Department
in Washington so that they can
brighten up their contemporaries
in other countries.

Several readers have sent notes
to the effect that some of the re-
cent commems are printed with an
ink which has a tendency to rub
off. I haven't found any of this
kind among the stamps here, but
it is quite possible that such might
exist.

Our columnists tell me, and I am
also having the same experience,
that in spite of a number of notes
to the effect, mail is being sent by
readers without a stamped, ad-
dressed envelope or postal card
for a reply.

Now if what you want to know
is not worth that simple courtesy
to you, then all of us feel that our
time and efforts aren't worth the
reply.

If you want information, don't
forget the addressed card, or
stamped, addressed envelope for a
reply.

The monthly bulletin of the Col-
lectors Club of Seattle, Wash. tells
why that city is to be the place of
the first day of issue of the Coast
and Geodetic Survey commem.

The answer is —
"The Seattle Coast and Geodetic
Survey District Headquarters is the
largest in the United States,
with the largest floating equipment
and largest number of personnel.
Besides a district office and per-
sonnel office they have a process-
ing office and ships' base on Lake
Union with the following ships on
active duty — the USCAGSS Path-

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stick these bits of paper in a book and
thus a new commodity was born. This
writer considers that was a great day in
history. Many wives disagree.
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lette wheels and firewater. Sometimes
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finder, Explorer, Hodgson, Patton
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stitute the Alaska Fleet and their
winter berths are in Lake Union.
Incidentally, the Club is going
all out for this first day. Besides
five different cacheted envelopes
they are also sponsoring a maxi-
mum card, and an album piece. A
news item this edition tells about
them.

The ballot here is for your use
in voting for the stamps of 1956.
Use it, or in the case of stamp
clubs, if one of the officers will
write for them, and send a stamp-
ed, addressed envelope, I'll send
copies of the ballot for use of the
members. Just say how many.

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rose ink. It pictures cupid shooting
an arrow at a heart-shaped birth-
day cake having ten candles and
the inscription "10th".

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at the bottom of the design is the
town name. An extra added at-
traction is the poem, also changed
annually, which reads —

Atomic Missiles are
Super we know
But no match for the arrow
From Dan Cupid's bow.

Should you want this on your
Valentine mail, here's how. Ad-
dress and seal the envelopes, and
place a 3c stamp on them. Keep
the address to the right and near
the bottom. Wrap them well, and
address the parcel to Postmaster
V.L. Ruckle, Loveland, Colo.

See that the postage is fully paid.
Parcels arriving postage due will
be refused. Also state whether you
want your mail cancelled Valen-
tines Day or right away.

John F. Jensen of Bronx, N.Y.
was the "Santa Claus" of the
Hamilton commem released in
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362	1.75	2.35	3.50	4.95	5.25	3.25
363	2.80	3.50	4.40	5.95	4.85	3.70
364	1.65	2.50	3.25	4.85	3.70	.22
365	1.65	2.50	3.25	4.85	.25	.45
366	.09	1.12	.18	.25	1.00	1.40
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368	.52	.62	1.10	1.60	.11	.11
369	1.50	1.95	3.20	4.95	2.15	2.85
370	.04	.06	.08	.12	1.40	2.25
371	.90	1.10	1.75	2.35	.50	.50
372	.60	.80	1.15	1.75	.40	.50
373	2.75	4.00	4.25	5.75	.25	.25
374	.80	1.05	1.80	2.15	.95	.95
375	.15	.20	.30	.40	.20	.20
376	.42	.60	.85	1.20	.50	.50
377	.40	.50	.60	.80	.50	.50
378	.10	.18	.20	.25	.40	.40
379	.35	.45	.65	.95	.85	.85
380	.75	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.00
381	.70	.90	1.40	1.85	2.00	2.00
382						
TERMS: Cash with order—Any returnable within 3 days of receipt if found unsatisfactory. POST FREE—Insurance at cost of desired. Orders under \$3.00 respectfully declined.						

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SIXTH MAIL AUCTION

CLOSING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 1957

TERMS & REGULATIONS

- Bidding is by Mail only.
- All lots to be sold to the highest bidder at slight advances over second highest bid. Lots will be sent with invoice to successful bidders known to us or who have included reasonable deposit with bids. For other customers the invoice will be sent in advance and lots forwarded after receipt of full payment.
- Postage and insurance (actual cost only) are extra.
- All merchandise to the fullest extent of our knowledge, is genuine. Claims for any lot proving otherwise must be made within 2 weeks of Sale.
- Material purchased for you is not sent "on approval". But any lot incorrectly described may be returned promptly on receipt. However, all returned lots must be intact and on the original sheets as sold.
- Where "NET" values are shown these are estimates of the actual net cash value of the lot.
- Catalogs used, Scott 1957, San-Sanabria; Mi.-Michel.

MIN. BID - MINIMUM BID ACCEPTED

Lot #	UNITED STATES	Cat. Val.
1	#73, 190-200, F. clean copies, #209 w. OG (3)	9.50
2	#119 Nicely centered, F (1)	10.00
3	#275a, E. 50c red, or. Spec. Del. F (2)	4.05
4	#276 Well centered nice copy (1)	8.00
5	#325 3c, etrd. slightly L. Fine (1)	6.00
6	#550 Centered sl. to VG-F (1)	14.00
7	#573 5c, well centered bl. F (1)	8.50
8	#575 5c, Zeppelin, Tiny thin in 1 pair F (1)	8.50
9	USA (1)	7.50
10	#C12 30c Madrid-Manila Flight, OG F (1)	2.13+
11	#C45 F. Rein, 30c top val. F (1)	1.75
12	GREAT BRITAIN, #1 G.L. Pl. S. (B-E) full marg. intense bl. VF	10.00
13	#1 Pl. 9, (I-C), red cancel, 3 full marg. F (1)	10.00
14	#28, 42, 48, 64, 1sh. val. F (4)	12.00
15	#10p red brown, F (1)	12.00
16	#71 10sh. o.c. other fine clean copy	60.00
17	#271-74, 2c, 2c, 2c, 2c, OG F-VF (4)	2.97
18	#292-308 Queen Elizabeth, unhinged, OG F-VF (17)	2.76+
19	OG VF	13.50
20	EGYPT, #81-90, 71-88 Pictorials, F-VF	1.50
21	#88-71 Railway Congress, F-VF (24)	4.41
22	#90-91 Wmk. Crescent, F-VF (2)	15.00
23	#114 50p King Fuad, F-VF (1)	11.45
24	#148-49 cpl. sets, F-VF (9)	7.25
25	#150-2, 55-58, 186, 3 cpl. sets, F-VF (8)	4.75
26	#187-88 100m and 200m vals. OG F (2)	15.00
27	#200-07, 212-22 4 comm. sets, OG F-VF (14)	8.50
28	#225-30 Cinema and Radio Congr. F-VF (6)	5.80
29	#241, 52-55, 65-66 Comm. in bl. of 4, OG F-VF (7)	7.20
30	#252, 58 Invert, OG VF (2)	4.50
31	#B1-3 Princess Ferial, OG VF (2)	4.00
32	#B8-9 Semi-Postals in bl. of 4, OG F-VF (4)	37.00+
33	#C1-2 Mail Plane in flight, OG VF (2)	8.50
34	#C3-5 2c, 2c, 2c, 2c, OG F-VF (17)	3.59
35	#C12-13 2c, 2c, 2c, 2c, OG F-VF (10)	28.00
36	#C12-13 2c, 2c, 2c, 2c, OG F-VF (10)	28.00
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100	#C12-13 2c, 2c, 2c, 2c, OG F-VF (10)	28.00

144	#11a, 73a, 82a, 83a, Tete Beche pairs, OG F-VF (4)	Cat. Val.
145	#82-91 Symbols, OG F-VF (10)	8.00
146	#84a 20c tete beche pair, signed, OG F (1)	12.50
147	#91 Top val., OG VF (1)	25.00
148	#92-94 1920 iss. redrawn, OG F-VF (3)	2.25
149	#103-04 Res. Masaryk, OG F-VF (2)	6.00
150	#105, 08, 09 III & IV engraving, OG VF (2)	4.25
151	#105a Perf. 14, OG F-VF (1)	4.00
152	#112-51 Unwmkd. set, OG F-VF (13)	10.00
153	#115-63 Independence anniv., OG F-VF (10)	18.40
154	#115-78 80th birthday, OG F-VF (4)	2.95
155	#117-88 Famous Castles, OG F-VF (3)	11.00
156	#118-98 Legion commems., OG F-VF (4)	3.75
157	#120-25 Masaryk anniv., OG F-VF (4)	5.90
158	#123-36 Republic anniv., OG F-VF (4)	2.60
159	#127-39 Olympic Congress, OG F-VF (3)	2.35
160	#134-49 Sokol Congress, OG F-VF (3)	2.35
161	#C1-3 Airmail imperf., OG F-VF (6)	20.50
162	#C7-8 1922 Prov. airm., OG F-VF (3)	17.75
163	#C10-17 Definitive iss., OG F-VF (3)	2.00
164	#C11-18 High vals., OG F-VF (3)	16.00
165	#C12-19 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	6.00
166	#C13-20 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	12.00
167	#C14-21 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
168	#C15-22 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
169	#C16-23 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
170	#C17-24 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
171	#C18-25 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
172	#C19-26 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
173	#C20-27 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
174	#C21-28 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
175	#C22-29 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
176	#C23-30 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
177	#C24-31 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
178	#C25-32 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
179	#C26-33 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
180	#C27-34 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
181	#C28-35 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
182	#C29-36 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
183	#C30-37 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
184	#C31-38 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
185	#C32-39 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
186	#C33-40 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
187	#C34-41 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
188	#C35-42 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
189	#C36-43 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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191	#C38-45 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
192	#C39-46 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
193	#C40-47 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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195	#C42-49 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
196	#C43-50 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
197	#C44-51 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
198	#C45-52 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
199	#C46-53 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
200	#C47-54 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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203	#C50-57 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
204	#C51-58 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
205	#C52-59 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
206	#C53-60 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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209	#C56-63 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
210	#C57-64 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
211	#C58-65 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
212	#C59-66 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
213	#C60-67 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
214	#C61-68 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
215	#C62-69 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
216	#C63-70 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
217	#C64-71 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
218	#C65-72 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
219	#C66-73 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
220	#C67-74 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
221	#C68-75 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
222	#C69-76 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
223	#C70-77 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
224	#C71-78 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
225	#C72-79 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
226	#C73-80 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
227	#C74-81 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
228	#C75-82 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
229	#C76-83 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
230	#C77-84 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
231	#C78-85 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
232	#C79-86 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
233	#C80-87 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
234	#C81-88 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
235	#C82-89 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
236	#C83-90 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
237	#C84-91 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
238	#C85-92 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
239	#C86-93 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
240	#C87-94 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
241	#C88-95 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
242	#C89-96 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
243	#C90-97 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
244	#C91-98 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
245	#C92-99 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
246	#C93-100 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
247	#C94-101 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
248	#C95-102 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
249	#C96-103 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
250	#C97-104 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
251	#C98-105 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
252	#C99-106 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
253	#C100-107 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
254	#C101-108 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
255	#C102-109 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
256	#C103-110 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
257	#C104-111 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
258	#C105-112 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
259	#C106-113 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
260	#C107-114 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
261	#C108-115 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
262	#C109-116 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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264	#C111-118 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
265	#C112-119 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
266	#C113-120 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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276	#C123-130 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
277	#C124-131 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
278	#C125-132 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
279	#C126-133 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
280	#C127-134 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
281	#C128-135 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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283	#C130-137 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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289	#C136-143 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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293	#C140-147 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
294	#C141-148 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
295	#C142-149 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
296	#C143-150 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
297	#C144-151 11-12 Top due vals., OG F-VF (3)	10.00
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formation needed to supplement their stamps, if they will make the effort.

The Fine Arts Unit of the American Topical Assn. is a good example of what a handful of willing workers can accomplish. Organized early in 1955, the Unit, under the editorship of Mrs. Clare McAlister, and associate editor Kathleen Ziegler, has published an excellent reference journal, bi-monthly, devoted to the fine arts as portrayed on stamps. Organizational detail has been kept to a minimum, while a great deal of original research and extensive correspondence has accomplished the desired results.

Often we lose sight of the meaning of words, and the word "research" has been much abused in philatelic circles. Research means to "search again" and the Fine Arts group has done just that. They have accepted no previously published material about the fine arts on stamps until they have rechecked the facts: "Was the portrait shown on a particular stamp really by a certain artist?" "Is the painting still in a certain museum as reported several decades ago?" etc.

No other hobby has had material relating to it published so widely or in such volume as has the literature devoted to stamps. By the same token, there is probably no comparable volume of misinformation, and rehashing of writing as will be found with philately. Even official publications, such as our own Post Office's Stamps of the United States, contain incorrect information relating to the fine arts subjects as Beatrice Berner's research has found.

Especially worthy of note is an important feature of the Fine Arts Philatelist, the "Master Work," an annotated checklist of all the stamps showing architecture, sculpture, and painting, as well as architects, sculptors, and painters. The philatelic, art, and general reference sources are also given. The inclusion of such bibliographic listings might well be imitated by many another philatelic publication.

Membership in the Fine Arts Unit is available to members of the parent organization, the American Topical Assn. at \$1 for the calendar year 1957. The Fine Arts Philatelist has appeared bi-monthly during 1955 and 1956. Five issues are scheduled for 1957, with elimination of the July-August number. Subscription is available to non-members at \$1 a year.

Mrs. McAlister, with the assistance of Miss Berner, has reprinted the first year's issues, so that complete volumes are still available. Volume I, 1955, is priced at \$2 and Volume II, 1956, is \$1.50. A specimen copy of the publication may be had for 25c. Orders may be sent to Mrs. Clare McAlister, 915 Nelson Dr., Muskogee, Okla. or Miss Beatrice M. Berner, Apt. 8-H, 200 E. 36th St., New York 16, N.Y.

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136	★	371 2c Horiz. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 10.
137	★	371 2c Blk Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 21.
138	★	371 2c C. Line Blk Superb OG	Ret. 45.
139	★	371 2c B. Pl. Blk of 5 VF OG	Ret. 33.
140	★	371 2c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 33.
141	★	372 2c Superb OG	Ret. 3.
142	★	373 2c Horiz. Pair Superb OG	Ret. 8.
143	★	373 2c Blk Superb OG fresh	Ret. 16.
144	★	373 2c Pl. Blk of 5 Superb OG	Ret. 33.
145	★	373 2c Milton C. Line Blk of 4 Superb OG Boarder "A Gem"	Ret. 50.
146	★	376 3c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 5.
147	★	380 8c Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 10.
148	★	380 8c Blk Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 42.
149	★	380 8c B. Pl. Blk of 4 imprint small star and No. 5214 (Blk of 5 Cat.	Ret. 75.
150	★	385 1c Coll Superb OG NH	Ret. 2.
151	★	385 1c Pair Superb OG NH	Ret. 4.
152	★	387 1c Pair Superb OG NH	Ret. 11.
153	★	397-398 1c-2c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 2.
154	★	398 1c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 2.
155	★	398 2c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 4.
156	★	399 5c VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 8.
157	★	399 5c Blk Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 46.
158	★	399 5c Blk VF OG fresh	Ret. 16.
159	★	400 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 37.
160	★	400 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG Rich color "A Gem"	Ret. 67.
161	★	400 10c R. Pl. Blk of 4 F-VF OG fresh	Ret. 67.
162	★	400 10c VF OG fresh "A Gem"	Ret. 67.
163	★	400A 10c VF OG fresh	Ret. 10.
164	★	400A 10c Blk Superb OG oversize margins all around rich color "A Gem"	Ret. 90.
165	★	400A 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG fresh	Ret. 75.
166	★	406 10c Blk VF OG fresh "A Gem"	Ret. 65.
167	★	401 1c F-VF OG	Ret. 2.
168	★	401 1c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 11.
169	★	402 2c Superb "A Gem"	Ret. 12.
170	★	402 2c VF OG fresh	Ret. 8.
171	★	402 2c F-VF OG	Ret. 7.
172	★	402 2c Blk Superb OG huge margins "A Gem"	Ret. 55.
173	★	403 5c VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 21.
174	★	403 5c VF OG	Ret. 17.
175	★	403 5c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 67.
176	★	403 5c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 11.
177	★	404 10c VF OG Fresh rare	Ret. 70.
178	★	404 10c Fine faults	Ret. 4.
179	★	404 10c Blk Superb OG "A Gem" very rare in such condition	Ret. 325.
180	★	414 8c Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 3.
181	★	414 8c Blk Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 12.
182	★	414A 8c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 11.
183	★	414 9c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 12.
184	★	414 9c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 12.
185	★	420 30c Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 9.
186	★	420 30c Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 9.
187	★	420 30c Blk Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 40.
188	★	421-422 50c VF used fresh	Ret. 5.
189	★	421 50c VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 42.
190	★	421 50c VF-Sup. OG fresh	Ret. 185.
191	★	421 50c Blk Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 37.
192	★	423 1.00 VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 37.
193	★	424 1.00 1c-20c VF-Sup. OG "Gems"	Ret. 52.
194	★	423 9c L. Pl. Blk of 4 Fine OG	Ret. 8.
195	★	433 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 10.
196	★	433 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 10.
197	★	435 12c L. Pl. Single VF OG	Ret. 3.
198	★	435A 12c VF OG fresh	Ret. 3.
199	★	435A 2c P. Blk of 6 VF-Sup OG	Ret. 30.
200	★	437 15c Blk VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 49.
201	★	437 15c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 49.
202	★	438 20c R. Pl. Blk 4 VF OG rare	Ret. 50.
203	★	439 30c Perf. 10 Superb OG	Ret. 17.
204	★	440 50c Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 72.
205	★	440 50c VF OG fresh	Ret. 60.
206	★	440 50c Blk Superb OG NH	Ret. 40.
207	★	446 4c Coll Pair VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 21.
208	★	463B 5c Double Error in Blk. of 12 F-VF OG rare	Ret. 140.
209	★	469 7c L. Pl. Blk of 4 VF OG fresh R. 22.	Ret. 22.
210	★	470 8c T. Pl. Blk of 4 VF OG	Ret. 22.
211	★	470 8c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 9.
212	★	472 10c L. Pl. Single VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 10.
213	★	472 10c Blk VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 41.
214	★	478 1.00 VF-Sup OG NH	Ret. 75.
215	★	478 1.00 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 70.
216	★	478 1.00 Blk VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 310.
217	★	478 1.00 Blk VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 310.
218	★	478 42.00 VF-Sup. OG "A Gem"	Ret. 24.
219	★	479 42.00 Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 97.
220	★	480 85.00 VF-Sup. OG rare	Ret. 22.
221	★	480 85.00 VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 22.
222	★	480 85.00 Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 90.
223	★	498-518 1c-1.00 VF OG	Ret. 19.
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241	★	548-550 1c-5c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 7.
242	★	548-550 1c-5c Blks VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 30.
243	★	550 5c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 25.
244	★	550 5c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 25.
245	★	551-573 1c-5c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 37.
246	★	551-573 Blks VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 150.
247	★	556 4c 8 copies F-VF OG 3 SE Ret. 11.	Ret. 11.
248	★	556 4c 8 copies F-VF OG 3 SE Ret. 11.	Ret. 11.
249	★	563 11c 100 copies diff. shades nice lot VF OG	Ret. 35.
250	★	566 15c Blk Superb OG	Ret. 5.
251	★	568 15c B. Pl. Blk 4) F-VF OG	Ret. 7.
252	★	568 15c B. Pl. Blk 4) F-VF OG	Ret. 7.
253	★	577 2c Blk Superb OG	Ret. 1.
254	★	578-579 1c-2c Fine OG	Ret. 8.
255	★	578 1c VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 10.
256	★	578 1c Blk Superb OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 47.
257	★	578 1c Blk VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 40.
258	★	579 3c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 20.
259	★	580 3c Bookbinder's VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 10.
260	★	581-591 1c-10c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 42.
261	★	581-591 1c-10c Blks VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 42.
262	★	589 8c Blk Good-Fine OG NH rare	Ret. 4.
263	★	595 2c Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 20.
264	★	595 2c VF OG NH	Ret. 12.
265	★	597-606 1c-10c Colls VF OG	Ret. 20.
266	★	597-606 1c-10c Pairs VF OG	Ret. 2.
267	★	597-606 1c-10c Line Pairs VF OG	Ret. 4.
268	★	599A 2c Line Pair VF OG rare	Ret. 8.
269	★	601 2c Blk VF-Sup. OG NH	Ret. 5.
270	★	611 2c Pl. Blk 4) Superb OG	Ret. 10.
271	★	611 2c Center Line Blk of 10 Superb OG "A Gem"	Ret. 62.
272	★	612 2c Superb OG NH	Ret. 3.
273	★	612 2c Blks Superb OG NH	Ret. 12.
274	★	612 2c Blks Superb OG NH	Ret. 12.
275	★	614-616 1c-5c Superb OG	Ret. 6.
276	★	614-616 1c-5c Blks VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 30.
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281	★	616 5c B. Pl. Blk of 5 Sup. OG NH "A Gem"	Ret. 52.
282	★	617-619 1c-5c Superb OG	Ret. 3.
283	★	617-619 1c-5c Superb OG	Ret. 3.
284	★	619 5c VF OG fresh	Ret. 2.
285	★	619 5c Blk Superb OG	Ret. 11.
286	★	620 2c T. Pl. Blk 8) VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 34.
287	★	621 5c T. Pl. Blk 8) VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 34.
288	★	620-621 2c-5c Superb OG	Ret. 95.
289	★	620-621 2c-5c Norse VF OG	Ret. 4.
290	★	620-621 2c-5c Blks Superb OG	Ret. 22.
291	★	621 5c Blk Superb OG	Ret. 19.
292	★	621 5c Blk VF OG fresh	Ret. 17.
293	★	621 5c Blk VF OG fresh	Ret. 30.
294	★	622 5c VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 1.
295	★	622 5c Blk VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 7.
296	★	622 5c Blk VF OG fresh	Ret. 1.
297	★	620 2c W. Plains sheet VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 42.
298	★	631 7 Pairs VF OG	Ret. 63.
299	★	631 1 1/2c Blk Superb OG NH	Ret. 1.
300	★	631 5 Blks of 4 VF OG	Ret. 10.
301	★	632-642, 692-701 1/2c-50c VF OG	Ret. 11.
302	★	632-642, 692-701 1/2c-50c Blks VF-Sup. OG	Ret. 11.

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81	★	Brit. Guiana, 4 diff. F-VF mint set	13.10
82	★	Antigua #84-93, Mauritius 211-19. Geo. VI iss. 2 diff. sets F-VF mint	4.60
83	★	107-120 Antigua, 1c-44.80 Queen Elix. VF mint cpl. set	11.34
84	★	#10-21 Ascension 15p-3sh Geo. V, F-VF mint set, Specimen, Ord. Cat. Val	38.00
85	★	33-36 Ascension, 15p-1sh F-VF mint cpl. Pub. set	20.00
86	★	#24, 104, 05, 111-12, 130-31, 33, 42-44, 47-49, 50-51, 57-58, 59-61, 63-65, Australia, mint F-VF mint singles,	18.00
87	★	Mostly cpl.	10.34
88	★	#168-71, 73-74, 76-78 Australia, 1c-141p F-VF mint singles	11.00
89	★	#354-73 Austria, Costume set VF mint cpl.	12.00
90	★	#E93-99 Austria 10g-1s cpl. mint	18.00
91	★	set poets	20.50
92	★	#B100-5 Austria 12g-1s cpl. mint set Artists iss. VF	18.00
93	★	#68-69 Bahamas, 2sh-3sh, 1921 iss. F-VF mint singles, 50c-10c PUNCH. Ord. cat. val.	20.50
94	★	#116-20 Bahamas 5p-2 1 Columbus iss. F-VF mint cpl. set	18.50

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* #B2-B9 Switzerland 3 F-VF cpl. mint sets Semi-Postals B5 has thin	14.00
#B33-40 45-55 58-61 91-99 Switzerland 9 cpl. mint sets F-VF	6.00
*#B21-244 Trans-Jordan Im-200m Parla- ment set in mint bks F-VF	13.64
*#B21A Trieste Zone B 300d L. Vio. & Green. VF cpl. Esperanto Sheet of 8	
#250 52,53, 55, 59-61 Trinidad & Tobago used 5VF Geo. VI	52.00 +
*#B259-63 Tunisia 12fr-30fr Rotary VF mint set bks	5.43
*#C4-100 Turks & Caicos Isl. fac-10Sh. Cent. seal cpl. mint VF	8.40
*#B69-74 916-21, 1003-4, 1008-12, 1154-57, 1222-27 Turkey 6 diff. F-VF mint sets.	8.40
*#B86-915 Turkey 1921-42, 41-66 Switzer- land 14 diff. 1907-09 iss. Mint F-VF	6.55
*#B93-77 Turkey 0.25ku-51 F-VF mint cpl. set	7.30
*#B91-96 Turkey 10ku-11 cpl. VF L. R. Corner bks. mint	7.40
*#B128-41 Union of South Africa 12p-1sh cpl. mint set F-VF in bks of 6p & 1p, 1sh L. T. W. blk with Top & Bot. Tabs.	8.80
*#B183-87 Union of South Africa 12p-1sh mint bks VF	
*#B209-13 Union of South Africa 1sh-3p-5sh VF mint singles	3.52
*#B21-27 Union of South Africa 1p-3p Semi-Postal cpl. in prs. F-Mail set.	5.87
*#C1-3 Uruguay 14c Florida iss. F-VF Mint cpl. Fine	4.50
*#B7-8 Uruguay 14c Florida iss. F-VF mint cpl. set ahrs	6.00
*#C109-10 Uruguay 70c Overprint in black, 2 var. F-VF Air Mail	11.00
*#C136 Uruguay 10P 1947-49 Air Mail mint single	20.00
*#C2-11 Venezuela 5c-2B Anniv. Air set. cpl. VF	9.00
*#C254-55 Venezuela 5c-10B Ahrs 1947 iss. F-VF mint singles	5.55
*#C272-7, C293-301 Venezuela 2 mint cpl. sets F-VF mint	11.50
*#C293-301, 302-10 Venezuela 2 cpl. mint sets F-VF	7.38
*#C293-301, 22-29 Venezuela 2 cpl. mint sets F-VF	7.44
*#B87 Virgin Isl. 10Sh-E1 Geo. VI Fine mint singles	6.88
*#B86-87 Virgin Isl. 10Sh-E1 F-VF Geo. VI Mint bks	12.00
*#Eaziland, 12p-51 Queen set VF used	48.00
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#CB1-2 France, 50fr-100fr Air Semi-Postal F-VF 3 cpl. mint sets	6.75
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A Van Gogh Pilgrimage

Mrs. Robert Englert

While our trip to Holland the latter part of April was intended as a tulip tour rather than as a Van Gogh pilgrimage, we soon discovered that our leave did not coincide with the tulip season. Nevertheless, we (my husband, myself, and my young son) had a colorful and rewarding experience. During the week we were in Holland the weather remained cold enough for winter clothes, and the sun was not too reliable. When taking pictures, one had to shoot fast, for the sun would change every few minutes.

Traveling towards Amsterdam from Germany, we drove through a National Park, "de Hoge Veluwe", which is near Arnhem. The scenery is quite desolate looking—nothing but sand dunes and native vegetation—but according to the travel folders there are deer and other forms of wild life living there.

However, it was the museum in the park that interested me. Called the "Rijksmuseum Kroller-Muller", it contains 270 works by Vincent Van Gogh. The museum was constructed in 1938, and is a simply designed building with an attractive inner court. The drawings and paintings are arranged in chronological order, often with a painting of another artist to provide a comparison in style. There is also a small collection of old masters in a separate room.

The museum catalog sometimes uses quotations from Van Gogh's prolific letters to comment upon the paintings. Warning against overemphasizing the letters, the catalog states, "As though armed with a Baedeker one makes one's round, reading, only looking to make sure that one is standing by the right picture. It is especially necessary with Van Gogh, to make a pure and more immediate contact with the work itself, not to put undue accent on the particulars of his life."

Due to Van Gogh's appeal to unscholarly art lovers like myself, some of the paintings were familiar to me through the many reproductions of his works, and indirectly, through his letters, which I read last summer. Among the best known paintings hung here are "Outdoor Cafe at Starry Night", "The Potato Eaters", and "The Road with Cypress and a Star".

Looking at the various paintings, I was reminded of a quotation from "Voices of Silence" by Andre Malraux: "The modern artist's supreme aim is to subdue all things to his style, beginning with the simplest, least promising objects." There are some paintings in the collection which clearly show the influence of other artists—"Interior of a Restaurant" after Seurat, for example—but these paintings are only tangents. For the most part, his works are as clearly stamped with his own unique genius as the trademark on a Dutch egg.

While in Amsterdam I visited the Municipal Museum for modern art and there saw more Van Gogh; however, the collection here is not predominantly Van Gogh as it is at the Kroller-Muller Museum. Perhaps most of all I was glad to see Ernest Barlach's "Singing Man", a small bronze sculpture recently pictured in Time Magazine (April 2, 1956).

With me in the museum as I made my brief visit was my young son, who will be four years old in

three weeks. This is not an ideal arrangement, needless to say. But, tagging along after me, he met a kindred spirit—a little girl wearing a hat with the ear muffs down, was tagging along after her daddy. They struck up an immediate acquaintance, of course. As they climbed up on a bench together I heard her say to him, "You're getting to be a big boy now, aren't you?" This from a little girl who surely won't be four years old in less than three weeks!

At the National Gallery in Amsterdam I stopped before the painting which holds the most honored position in the museum—"Night Watch". It is a large painting and the figures have a vibrancy that is conspicuously absent in another painting of officers placed at the side of Rembrandt's masterpiece. I could not help thinking about the reversal of their positions since Rembrandt's lifetime, and wondering about the Rembrandts of today, if any.

At the National Gallery, or Rijksmuseum, is a Rembrandt painting familiar to stamp collectors, "The Syndics of the Cloth-Hall", shown on Netherlands B41-43. Not honored on stamps but pertinent to letter-writing are two small paintings by Vermeer which are particularly appealing. The first is "The Letter", showing a young woman reading a letter and, "Love Letter" which captures the expression of the recipient as she receives the letter from her maid.

Here are two paintings which would be just as appropriate for reproduction on stamps as Fragonard's and Chardin's versions of "The Letter" (France B-92 and B-205).

Traveling back toward Germany we drove a more southerly route this time, taking us through North Brabant. This is Van Gogh coun-

try. Although we did not make a detour to see Neunen, I was able to observe the landscape nearby. Many farmers were working in their fields. Wooden shoes are still worn by workers in the sticky black soil and the draft horse is not the unfamiliar sight here that it is in Kansas.

However, were it not for the canals and their boats, which suddenly come into view in the middle of a field, one might be reminded of Kansas. Trees in Kansas assume a mighty importance because they are a dramatic break in the flatness of the land. The same is true in Brabant. Here the trees I remember are not the cottonwoods of Kansas, but the rows of bare poplars, the knotted fruit trees, and the willows with their branches like strips of green ribbon.

We drove through Brabant in the morning, and the day was overcast, though not depressively so. The distant laborers in the fields, the patient horses, and the freshly ploughed land carried with them a feeling of timelessness. In short, a Van Gogh drawing of the Neunen period came to life.

And, permitting myself at least one quotation from Van Gogh's letters, "... if the field has an odour of ripe corn or potatoes or of guano or manure, that is healthy, especially for people from the city..."

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Most American collectors would
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 to be rather stodgy and reserved,
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 journals frequently make lively
 reading. In contrast to our own
 stamp publications which, with the
 notable exception of Linn's, tend
 to avoid controversial subjects al-
 together, the English papers
 abound with stimulating editorial
 matter.

There are sharp attacks by trade
 journals on collectors' magazines
 and the latter don't hesitate to give
 as good as they get. Recently, one
 columnist publicly questioned the
 good judgement of another regular
 contributor to the same publica-
 tion! Furthermore, the papers
 print highly uncomplimentary let-
 ters received by them from their
 readers, something you'll hardly
 ever find in the American philatelic
 press.

Apparently unworried about libel
 laws, the English stamp papers do
 not hesitate to criticize individual
 dealers by name, a practice al-
 most unheard of in this country.
 The latest hassle concerns
 Stanley Gibbons (London), in
 business for exactly 100 years and
 one of the most reputable organiza-
 tions in the world stamp trade.

The Gibbons firm was recently
 subjected to a sharp, and it seems
 to us, unwarranted attack by the
 influential magazine "Stamp Col-
 lecting" for offering Trans-Antarctic
 expedition covers at \$1.47 each.
 These covers were taken along by
 the British ship "Magya Dan" and
 sent back to England from the
 vessel's last stop, before setting
 out for the South Pole, Shackleton
 Base in the Weddell Sea, together
 with the crew's mail.

Each of Gibbons' covers is franked
 with a full set of Falkland De-
 pendencies, Scott Nos. 1L34-37, the
 four overprints issued not long ago
 just for this purpose. They re-
 ceived the officially authorized ex-
 pedition postmark. "Stamp Collec-
 ting" considers Gibbons' price of
 \$1.47 an outrage, while at the same
 time conceding these facts:

1. Stanley Gibbons was by no
 means the only firm which ar-
 ranged for these covers, others
 could and did participate.

2. Individual collectors who
 wanted to eliminate the "middle-
 man" also had ample opportunity
 to submit their own covers and
 many did. By no stretch of the
 imagination was there any "corner-
 ing" by Gibbons or anyone
 else.

3. A total of approximately 10,000
 covers were submitted by dealers
 and collectors combined, which
 was about the maximum number
 that could have been carried any-
 way because of the limited cargo
 space available.

4. Although under no obligation
 to do so, the directors of Stanley
 Gibbons made a handsome volun-
 tary contribution to the fund which
 made this polar trip, of great
 scientific and considerable politi-
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 herent in every business venture.
 In the stamp business, every deal-
 er has some tales of woe to tell
 of stamps being torn or damaged
 when sheets are broken up and of
 covers mutilated in transit, or too
 heavily or too lightly cancelled.

In our opinion, Stanley Gibbons
 are bending over backwards to be
 fair. Compared to the first day
 runs of 300,000 or 400,000 covers of
 every one of our own 3c commemo-
 ratives, the total quantity of
 Trans-Antarctic Expedition covers
 is quite small. Collectors' interest
 in polar philately is at an all-time
 peak and the value of Gibbons' covers
 cannot but increase in the
 years to come. (What's more, those
 collectors who raise the loudest
 hue and cry over Gibbons' price
 most assuredly submitted their
 own covers, secretly hoping to sell
 them for \$5 or more some day!).

If Gibbons price of \$1.47 is ac-
 tually too high it would be self-de-
 feating and the firm would be
 "stuck" since other dealers also
 have Trans-Antarctic Expedition
 covers for sale and the prospective
 buyer has a chance to shop around.

We feel that the law of supply
 and demand, combined with natu-
 ral consumer resistance to an
 unreasonable price, will always ef-
 fectively regulate the market value
 of any stamp, set or cover. It
 stands to reason that Gibbons, if
 really left with a sizeable surplus,
 would sooner or later reduce their
 price. Therefore those who object
 to the price of \$1.47 should be con-
 tent to wait for that to happen. But
 we wouldn't bet on it, because
 after 100 years in business and still
 going very strong, a firm ought to
 know its business.

Speaking of the South Pole, not
 less than eight nations have con-
 flicting territorial claims in this
 area: the United States, Russia,
 Argentina, Chile, Great Britain,
 Australia, New Zealand and
 France. All eight countries have
 issued special stamps to strengthen
 their hand in the diplomatic game
 and topicalists have the opportu-
 nity, at the cost of only a few dollars,
 to form an interesting and worth-
 while small specialized "Antarctic"
 collection.

Incidentally, "Deception Island",
 which Britain claims as part of the
 South Shetlands group of the Falk-
 land Islands Dependencies, al-
 though it is visited only by some
 whaling ships and an occasional
 warship, nevertheless has three
 rival post offices, operating almost
 side by side! In addition to Brit-
 ain, Argentina and Chile also op-
 erate mail services from their naval
 bases, using their own contempo-
 rary stamps, cancelled with naval
 postmarks of various types.

During 1912, the British Whaling
 Officer for the season would ap-
 ply a small hand-stamp "PORT
 FOSTER" to then current Falk-
 land Islands stamps which would
 be further postmarked on arrival

at Port Stanley. Copies with this
 diagonal handstamp are of con-
 siderable rarity today.

From 1913 to 1924, a violet oval
 rubber stamp "DECEPTION IS-
 LAND-SOUTH SHETLANDS" with
 the date in the center was used
 and from then until 1929 a circular
 metal date-stamp of conventional
 pattern.

The island remained uninhabited
 until 1944 when the British whalers
 returned. They were joined by the
 Argentines in 1949 and both by the
 Chileans in 1955, so that this land-
 locked harbor which is ice-free for
 about five months in the year and
 is therefore considered one of the
 key spots of the Antarctic, is now
 quite a lively, if bitterly contested,
 community.

See you next week!



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 den County YMCA, Haddonfield, N. J.
 Feb. 2-3—Cleveland Stamp Club Hollenden
 Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Feb. 3-3—Dearborn Stamp Club, Miller
 School, Dearborn, Mich.
 Feb. 9-10—Ravenswood Stamp Club, Finnish
 Community Center, 4219 Lincoln Ave.,
 Chicago, Ill.
 Feb. 9-10—Michigan Stamp Club, Tuiler
 Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
 Feb. 12—San Jose Stamp Club St. Claire
 Hotel, San Jose, Calif.
 Feb. 16-17—Illinois Federation of Stamp
 Clubs, Masonic Temple, Aurora, Ill. Fox
 Valley Stamp & Coin Club, hosts.
 March 1-3—Polonus Philatelic Society, Po-
 lish Falcons Hall, 1062 N. Ashland, Chi-
 cago, Ill.
 March 2-3—Springfield Stamp Society,
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 March 9-10—Columbus Philatelic Club,
 Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.
 March 15-17—Baltimore Philatelic Society,
 Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore, Md.
 March 23-24—First Czechoslovak Philatelic
 Club, C.S.A. Bldg., Cicero, Ill.
 March 23-24—North Toronto Stamp Club,
 Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave.,
 Toronto, Canada.
 April 19-20—Lansdowne Stamp Club, Friends
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B15	.30	B104	.04	B132	.04	B167	.03	B195	.05	B233	.05	B261	.05	B289	.04
B16	.25	B105	.08	B133	.03	B168	.04	B196	.05	B234	.05	B262	.10	B290	.10
B17	.12	B106	.04	B134	.04	B169	.10	B197	.05	B235	.15	B263	.18	B291	.03
B18	.12	B107	.12	B135	.04	B170	.03	B198	.12	B236	.15	B264	.05	B292	.04
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B20	.12	B109	.04	B137	.03	B172	.05	B200	.05	B238	.05	B266	.05	B294	.05
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B23	.08	B112	.15	B140	.03	B175	.03	B203	.03	B241	.12	B269	.05	B302	.05
B24	.08	B113	.08	B141	.03	B176	.04	B204	.10	B242	.15	B270	.08	B303	.05
B25	.10	B114	.08	B142	.03	B177	.04	B205	.05	B243	.03	B271	.03	B304	.15
B26	.15	B115	.06	B143	.03	B178	.06	B206	.05	B244	.08	B272	.05	B305	.20
B27	.08	B116	.04	B144	.05	B179	.08	B207	.15	B245	.05	B273	.05	B306	.20
B28	.24	B117	.12	B145	.20	B180	.03	B210	.20	B246	.08	B274	.10	B307	.80
B29	.06	B118	.04	B146	.02	B181	.04	B211	.08	B247	.15	B275	.15	B308	.35
B30	.08	B119	.12	B147	.02	B182	.15	B212	.10	B248	.02	B276	.03	B309	.35
B31	.12	B120	.05	B148	.04	B183	.04	B213	.28	B249	.05	B277	.05	B310	.80
B32	.20	B121	.04	B149	.02	B184	.10	B214	.06	B250	.10	B278	.06	B311	.50
B33	.05	B122	.15	B150	.02	B185	.04	B215	.08	B251	.06	B279	.08	B312	.12
B34	.10	B123	.04	B151	.05	B186	.04	B216	.05	B252	.08	B280	.15	B313	.12
B35	.05	B124	.08	B152	.08	B187	.04	B217	.08	B253	.18	B281	.03	B314	.02
B36	.10	B125	.06	B153	.06	B188	.15	B218	.05	B254	.05	B282	.04	B315	.04
B37	.04	B126	.04	B154	.04	B189	.03	B219	.08	B255	.10	B283	.03	B316	.10
B38	.06	B127	.15	B155	.04	B190	.04	B220	.18	B256	.06	B284	.06	B317	.06
B39	.05	B128	.12	B156	.06	B191	.04	B221	.04	B257	.10	B285	.12	B318	.15
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The unexpired term of George Stevens as secretary of the Eire Philatelic Assn. has been filled by an official appointment of the president, of another man.

He is Rudolph Mitchell, 303 Heilig Ave., Salisbury, N.C. Correspondence can be directed to him concerning the affairs of the group. The EPA members are interested in the philately and postal history of Ireland. Included are residents of several nations including the United States, Canada, Ireland and England. The group's official publication is "The Revealer", edited by Neil Stack of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Van Wie President Of Oswego Stamp Club

Charles Van Wie is the newly-elected president of the Oswego, N. Y. Stamp Club. His assisting officers are vice president Harold Lacey; secretary-treasurer Harold R. Baxter, 64 W. Sixth St., Oswego, N. Y.

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There are certain cities that Prexy items both narrow and wide are very scarce in UNDATED condition. One of these is Atlanta, Ga.

The one big drop is in the HIGH POINT 1c Narrow sheet stamp. This was reduced from \$6 to 75c while the 1 1/2c from the same place was raised from 25c to \$1. There were 228 Liberty items listed in this edition.

The format of the catalog is the same as previous ones and the price remains the same at \$1. Your favorite Precancel dealer can furnish a copy or the Gunesch Precancel House, 30 W. Washington St. Chicago 2, Ill. can.

ILLINOIS PAGES

John Hirt who published the OKLAHOMA town pages has now released a set of town pages for ILLINOIS. Illinois is one of the largest states in number of precancel using towns, probably only surpassed by Pennsylvania and New York. So a set of these pages takes up a big gap in the town collectors area. The price for these pages are but \$1.50 with extra blanks. Contact Mr. Hirt or your favorite dealer.

BULLETINS

The Kansas Precancel News was mailed from BAZAAR, KANS. with a 2c Liberty, type U-120n. The Southern California Bulletin was mailed from La Puente, Calif. with a 2c Liberty, type U-121n. Addresses of both bulletins furnished for return postage.

Ravenswood Show On February 9 and 10

The 10th annual exhibition and bourse of the Ravenswood Stamp Club will be held February 9 and 10 at the Finnish Hall, 4219 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill. The show will open at 9 a.m. both days and close at 9 p.m. on Saturday and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The club is departing from the usual type of exhibition which shows specialized collections, classics and rarities. In order to give novice and members the advantage, exhibitors which have received a "Grand Prize" at any show are barred from competition.

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23-24	F. A. O.	5.95	3.80	.95	.90	3.60	5.95	3.85	1.10	1.15
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27-28	U. N. Day	3.95	3.00	.75	.70	2.80	4.50	2.30	.80	.85
29-30	Human Rights	18.95	—	—	2.95	11.80	19.50	11.95	3.10	3.25
31-32	I. C. A. O.	3.50	2.40	.60	.55	2.20	3.60	2.30	.65	.75
33-34	UNESCO	4.50	3.00	.90	.85	3.40	4.65	3.70	1.90	1.10
35-37	10th Anniversary	8.85	3.80	.95	.90	3.60	5.25	3.90	1.10	1.20
38	Souvenir Sheet	—	9.50	—	—	9.50	—	9.50	—	—
39-40	Human Rights	2.75	2.00	.50	.45	1.80	2.35	2.10	.55	.60
41-42	I. T. U.	2.75	2.00	.50	.45	1.80	2.35	2.10	.55	.60
43-44	W. H. O.	2.75	2.00	.50	.45	1.80	2.35	2.10	.55	.60
45-46	U. N. Day	2.75	2.00	.50	.45	1.80	2.35	2.10	.55	.60
47-48	Human Rights	1.55	1.00	.25	.20	.80	1.95	1.55	.50	.50
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2	.01 1/2 Blue Green	.20	.12	.03	.02	.08	.20	.05	.05	.10
3	.02 Purple	.24	.14	.04	.02	.08	.20	.05	.05	.10
4	.03 Magenta and Blue	.30	.20	.05	.04	.16	.40	.08	.08	.16
5	.05 Blue	.42	.28	.07	.06	.24	.60	.12	.12	.24
6	.10 Chocolate	.78	.52	.13	.12	.48	1.00	.20	.20	.40
7	.15 Violet and Blue	1.20	.80	.20	.18	.72	2.00	.30	.30	.60
8	.20 Dark Brown	1.30	1.00	.25	.23	.92	2.85	.35	.35	.70
9	.25 Olive Gray and Blue	1.95	1.40	.35	.30	1.20	3.50	.50	.50	1.00
10	.50 Indigo	3.10	2.40	.60	.55	2.20	5.50	.80	.80	1.60
11	1.00 Red	6.15	5.00	1.25	1.10	4.40	—	—	—	—
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C-1	.04 Henna Brown	.48	.32	.08	.07	.28	1.10	.65	.65	.13
C-2	.10 Bright Blue Green	.75	.52	.13	.12	.48	1.60	.90	.90	.18
C-3	.15 Deep Ultramarine	1.10	.80	.20	.18	.72	2.60	.35	.35	.70
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List No. 16, is the 1957 edition of "British Empire Postage Stamps" produced by Joseph F. Negreen, P.O. Box 388, Great Barrington, Vt. Most of the material is offered mint, but there are quite a few used sets included. Completely cov-ered are the reigns of George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The cost is 25c which is deductible.



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Feb. 23-Stampfair, 109 W. 43rd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States proofs, es-says, British Colonies.
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COLOMBIA. "The Oldest Man on Earth", Javier Pereira, was hon-ored with the issuance of two stamps on December 28. Both bear his portrait and the inscription "Do not worry, take lots of coffee, smoke a good cigar". One stamp is a 5c blue for ordinary postage and the other a 20c red for airmail.

ECUADOR. The two basketball stamps previously mentioned were issued on December 27. The 1S. is purple and the 1.70S. green.

GERMANY (West). A 10pfg. green stamp was issued on Janu-ary 2, bearing the coat-of-arms of Saar in green and brown and the year "1957". Saar became reunited with Germany on January 1.

GERMANY (East). On Decem-ber 27 a 20pfg. reddish-brown stamp was issued showing a plane in flight, and in the upper left corner the inscription "Deutsche Lufthansa".

MALTA. The "Baptism of Christ" and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth is the design of the £1 brown value of the new definitive set released on January 7.

POLAND. In connection with the reopening of the Post Museum in Wroclaw a 60gr. gray stamp printed on blue paper was issued. A postman of the 15th century is the central design.

As part of the Olympic set a 1.55z. brown and yellow stamp was issued showing a girl in a broad jump.

SAAR. With the reuniting of Saar with West Germany on Janu-ary 1, the Saar Postal Administra-tion issued the first values of a 21 value set of ordinary stamps from 1fr to 200fr. They show a portrait of President Heuss and the inscrip-tion "Deutsche Bundespost."

NEW ISSUES

Argentina, Ben Franklin	(1) .04
Austria, Hungarian Aid	(1) .14
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Japan, New Year	(1) .04
Japan, Machinery Fair	(1) .10
Japan, Saikai Park Sht.	(1) .14
Romania, Culture	(6) 1.20
Spain, Hung. Child	(6) .21
Spain, Morocco, Airmail	(4) .32
Sp. Tangier, Flowers	(6) .12
Sp. Tangier, Animals	(6) .10
Uruguay, Air Cent.	(3) .38
Uruguay, Ordones Air	(6) .49
Vatican, Black Madonna	(3) .49
Liberia, Olympic	(6) .80
Israel, Defense Set	(3) .47
Russia, Famous Men	(5) 1.20
Germany Officials, Mint	(2) .32
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ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA. On February 1 the 8c gray Som-brero Lighthouse, and the \$2.40 orange and gray Map of Anguilla values of the new definitive set will be placed on sale.

UNITED NATIONS. The United Nations stamps honoring the World Meteorological Organization will be released on January 28. The values will be 3c and 8c.

Say Date Not Correct For Visit Of Queen

Laval and Helene Shing, who wrote the article in the January 11 edition, "Paul and Virginia" want to correct an error of fact which had escaped them.

In the first paragraphs of the item the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Mauritius should have been given as September 29 and not as printed.

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Theodore Sizer and Deane Keller

The "patriot-artist" Colonel John Trumbull, as aide-de-camp to General Washington, held an unrivalled opportunity for recording the chief personages and events at an epic period. He knew on intimate terms the top Army "brass", the statesmen and principal citizens—the "V.I.P.s"—of the late Colonial and early Federal periods. It was an enviable position, and he made the most of it. His visual recordings, such as Bunker's Hill and the Declaration of Independence are familiar to every school child in America. They have become a part of the historic fabric of the country.

Quite naturally a number of his well known subjects have been used on postage stamps. Ten such have been recorded (Theodore Sizer, "Trumbull's Paintings on Postage Stamps", The American Philatelist, LXII, June 1949, pp. 704-706), to which additions can now be made. The chief of these is a portrait of Alexander Hamilton.

Trumbull was a staunch Federalist, a warm friend and admirer of Hamilton, whom he painted but once from life; this he did for John Jay in 1792. He made at least a half dozen replicas of this portrait, the latest of which, executed in 1832, is in the Yale University Art Gallery, where the bulk of Trumbull's work is to be seen. He also painted a second, a post-mortem portrait of the great Federalist, of which he made over a dozen replicas. The circumstances are interesting and are as follows:

Trumbull put his brush and palette aside, at the pinnacle of his artistic career, in 1794, to become the Secretary of John Jay in London for the negotiation of the treaty with Great Britain. He remained in England on a diplomatic mission for ten years implementing the Jay Treaty. At the end of this period, in 1804, he returned to New York with the intention of resuming his artistic pursuits. But times were bad, money was tight, the Napoleonic wars were gravely affecting the economy of the young Republic and consequently portrait commissions were few and far between. Just two weeks after Trumbull's arrival, the tragic outcome of the famous Hamilton-Burr duel occurred. His friend's untimely death proved to be a boon to the unemployed painter. He started to paint many Hamilton portraits.

It so happened that thirteen years earlier, another friend of Trumbull, the visiting Italian sculptor Giuseppe Ceracchi had carved a marble bust of Hamilton, of which, according to the custom of the time, he made several replicas. Shortly after the fatal duel the City of New York commissioned Trumbull to paint a full length portrait of Hamilton for the City Hall. For this celebrated, post-mortem portrait, familiar to all (the head appears on the face of the ten dollar bill), Trumbull borrowed one of Ceracchi's busts, completing his picture before the year 1804 was out. Immediately there were many demands for replicas. One such, painted for Trumbull's intimate friend and patron, Dr. David Hosack, the physician in attendance at the scene of the duel, is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington. It was from this version that the new five dollar postage stamp was made.

Colonel Trumbull, an ardent patriot and proud man, was born two hundred years ago (on 6 June 1756, at Lebanon, Conn.). On fifteen occasions the federal government has used pictures from his brush for the most popular and democratic of all—the postage stamp.

A complete checklist of the works of Colonel John Trumbull on United States postage stamps is as follows (Scott catalog numbers and types):

General George Washington - 9 stamps

39 A19-90c blue, 1860.

The head is turned three-quarters to the spectator's left, bust only, from the half-length engraving of Asher Brown Durand (frontispiece in "The National Portrait Gallery", Philadelphia and New York, 1834, vol. 1) after the full length portrait of "Washington at Trenton", painted from life in 1792 at Philadelphia, now in the permanent collection of the Yale Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut.

47 A19-90c deep blue, 1875.

This was a reprint of the 1857-60 issue by the Government, produced by the Continental Bank Note Co. for the Centennial Exposition of 1876. But 454 of these stamps were issued, and none was good for postal use.

72 A31-90c blue, 1861.

This portrait is the same as A19 above. Less is shown of the bust, and the surrounding frame is different.

101 A31-90c blue, 1867.

This is the same as A31 above, but with grill about 9 x 13mm.

111 A31-90c blue, 1875.

This is the same as A31 above, but is a reissue without grill.

703 A209-2c carmine rose and black, 1931.

This is the Yorktown Issue. The Washington in the center between Rochambeau and de Grasse is the A19 and A31 portrait type.

711 A217-6c red orange, 1932.

The Washington Bicentennial Issue. The portrait is the A19 and A31 type.

712 A218-7c black, 1932.

The Washington Bicentennial Issue. Head turned slightly to spectator's left, bust from the small, full-length portrait painted in 1780 from memory in London, now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

785 A258-1c green, 1936-7.

The Washington is very probably after an engraving of the portrait as described for stamp #39 above. The head is reversed, looking to the spectator's right rather than to the left as in Colonel Trumbull's painting.

The Declaration of Independence - 2 stamps

120 A41-24c green and violet, 1869.

The stamp was produced by the National Bank Note Co. The scene is slightly cut down from the large replica painted between 1818-24 at New York (after the small-scale original begun in 1786 at London and now in the permanent collection at Yale University), in the rotunda of the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

130 A41-24c green and violet, 1875.

This is a reissue without grill, the same as stamp #120. There were printed but 2091 of these stamps for the Centennial Exposition of 1876.

The Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga - 1 stamp

644 A192-2c carmine rose, 1927.

The Burgoyne Campaign Issue stamp. The scene, slightly cut down, is taken from the large replica painted between 1817-24 at New York (after the small scale original painted in 1816 at New York and now in the permanent collection of Yale University), in the rotunda of the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Major General Nathaniel Greene - 1 stamp

785 A258-1c green, 1936-37.

This stamp showing the Trumbull portraits of both Washington (see above) and Major General Greene is the low value of the Army Issue of 1936-37. The head of Major General Greene is three-quarters to the spectator's left, after the engraving of Ion B. Forrest ("The National Portrait Gallery", Philadelphia and New York, 1834, vol. 1) after an oil miniature painted posthumously in 1792 at Philadelphia, now in the Yale University Art Gallery, probably after Charles Wilson Peale's portrait, painted from life in 1783.

Brigadier General Rufus Putnam - 1 stamp

795 A268-3c red violet, 1937.

This is the Northwest Ordinance Sesquicentennial Issue. The head is turned three-quarters to the spectator's right. The likeness was taken from a miniature in oil painted from life in 1790 at New York, now in the permanent collection of Yale University.

Alexander Hamilton - 1 stamp

1047 A494-\$5 black, 1956.

For description, see text above.

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The Bolaffi Catalog of Italian Stamps is now available in a 1957 edition. This is the second for this book and there are some notable improvements over the original which was quite a book in its field. It is published and available from S.C.O.T., Via Roma 101, Italy at \$4 postpaid.

The text is in the Italian language. However the catalog becomes usable to those who understand four other languages since at the front there is a glossary of philatelic terms which translates the Italian into French, English, Spanish and German.

The book is 117 pages thicker than it was last year. And as a matter of fact, apart from the helpful five different languages introductory pages, which are almost unchanged from the first edition, improvements start showing up very soon: the first 60 pages comprise a new specialized listing of Modena, States, Romagna and Tuscany.
Listings are followed by technical data on the preparation of dies, the sheet make-up (reproductions of full sheets are also given), the paper which was employed and so on. For each State, names of all Post Offices existing before the annexation to the Crown of Savoy are given.

The specialized Catalogue of the stamps of Italy proper also shows many an improvement; page make-up has been almost entirely made over, in order to increase readability. Most of the space which was left blank after this operation, has been used to insert useful information and technical data in the English language. Many illustrations were also made over, and some were added.

In addition, we find exhaustive listings of all known proofs and essays of Italian stamps prepared in the 19th Century; many varieties, which were omitted last year, are now included in the Catalogue.
A final word must be spent on the graphic presentation of the book, which is again flawless, and on its price, which is as low as to bring this catalogue within the reach of anybody who collects Italian stamps.

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Topical Time Treats Three Timely Topics

Topical Time, the official journal of the American Topical Assn. opens up the New Year with an issue packed with a varied fare.

Ray L. Dean covers a new phase in Americana on Stamps with an article on Nicaraguan issues honoring America. Philately's justly famous Barbara R. Mueller continues a series on methods of collecting and exhibiting topicals with a thought provoking article "Discrimination and Selectivity in Topical Collecting".

A new topic "Ceramics on Stamps" is discussed by Rose D. Arsenault, complete with a detailed checklist. This can well be an inspiration to anyone looking for the unusual in topicals. Ernest A. Kehr pays tribute to Guido Essig, recently deceased head of the famous stamp printing firm of Courvoisier-Helio S. A.

E. C. Cleveland, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt 3, Milwaukee, Wis. will send additional information on the American Topical Assn. and its publications. Because of the heavy volume of inquiries, Mr. Cleveland requests a stamped, return addressed envelope to aid prompt replies.

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Maori Art On Stamps Of New Zealand

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Last year I spent my vacation in New Zealand. The country is enchanting and its native people, the Maoris, fascinated me. Always on the lookout for unusual themes, I thought of "Maoris on Stamps." The subject interested me, the stamps were readily available, and the whole theme would be an easy, compact one with a good prospect of completeness. Probably many other topical collectors have lured themselves into similar traps. When I started to study the stamps of New Zealand, I was surprised at how many actually featured Maoris.

Then when I thought the collection was complete, I chanced to notice a Maori motif on a frame. So I re-surveyed the field with emphasis on the decorative border on the stamps, and the collection almost doubled, so much so that "Maori Art" is itself a sizeable topic.

Two stamps are devoted entirely to our theme. The 1d value of the 1906 Christchurch Exhibition set (Scott No. 123) is entitled "Maori Art". Despite the poor quality of the stamp, the central figure—who is a craftsman or tohunga—can be seen standing with a large, hafted adze, working an ornate and intricate wooden panel which will later serve as a lintel over a porch.

Such a lintel, already erected can be seen in the background. The pattern is better depicted in the corners of the 8d issue of 1935 (#194), and is typically Maori-curve-linear, with a double spiral as the basic design.

Now rest your eyes on the 9d stamp of the 1935 issue (#195). This pattern is copied from the painted decorations of the rafters in meeting houses and chiefs' dwellings. The colors are almost authentic because altho the Maori was very limited in the material available to him, he knew how to make red paint by burning red ochre or hematite and mixing the resultant powder with shark oil, and black paint by mixing soot with shark oil.

Basically these rafter designs suggest leaves. The explanation has been offered that the Polynesians used leafy boughs to roof their huts. But when the Maoris came to New Zealand, wooden rafters were found to be more suitable. However, they were still painted to be in keeping with the old culture.

Similar rafter patterns serve as borders for many New Zealand issues. Sometimes the pattern is simplified and stylized, but its origin is the same. Examples are the 1947 King George 1/- to 3/- (#265-268), 1953 Coronation 2d (#280), and the 1929 and 1930 Anti-TB and Health stamps (B1-2).

But not all decorated borders are rafter patterns. Wood carvings serve on the 1938 definitives (#226-228C), while the 1925 Dunedin Exhibition issue (#179) and the 1926 King George V (#182-184) stem from weaving and thatching designs of clothes and houses.

Then again you see vertical borders consisting of figures seen as the upright supports for buildings. These on the whole are faithfully reproduced.

The Maori had evolved for himself a stylized representation of the human form, often seen sitting one above the other as on the 1d and 1½d of the 1935 definitives (#186-187). The body was squat and the head out of proportion, with large mouth, tongue, and eyes. The feet were rudimentary; five blobs did for toes, and the hand usually had only three fingers. One legend has it that the first artist and but three fingers on each hand.

Finally, a grotesque mask-like face, called a "mania", is used. From the side it appears bird-like, but its intention was to show a human face in profile. This is reproduced poorly on the 1925 Dunedin set (#179-181), but well on the 1½d and 1/- stamps of the 1919 Victory Issue (#167, 170), and the 3d definitive of 1935 (#190).

Sometimes the fantastic loops and whorls that rise from the mouth and eyes dominate the pattern, relegating the original mania to a secondary position. Look at #226 again. In the top panel you will now see a central mania; the rest of the pattern stems from it.

Granted that a glass a necessary, you will admit by now that these stamps are properly included in our theme. Yet, at first glance, what stamps seem less likely to belong to "Art on Stamps"?

The Maori artist worked under considerable limitations. First of all, he only ornamented or decorated articles which were in themselves useful and essential. For his art you must look at his clothes, his buildings, and his weapons. Perhaps tattooing was his nearest approach to art for art's sake. Yet, even here, there were considerations of social standing.

Secondly, the Maori belonged to the Stone Age, and this limited the

materials available to him. For instance, in pleating and weaving, the very nature of the process forced on him certain geometric and artistic patterns. He had only two colors—natural flax, or dyed black with an infusion of bark.

Tattooing is well shown on #170. Note the curvilinear line starting from the bridge of the nose, arching above each eyebrow, and turning to the outer angle of the eye; also the curve from the nose to the chin, skirting the corners of the mouth. There are also spirals on the side of the nose, cheek, and chin. With minor variations and embellishments, this was a standard pattern.

The tattoo and its ornateness was a sign of one's status. The artist who did the work was held in high esteem and was well rewarded. Men were sometimes tattooed on their thighs and buttocks. Women had a simple tattoo on the lower lip and chin. Unmarked features was a post-European development.

Before leaving #170, notice the Hei-Tiki, an ornament worn about the neck, usually made of greenstone and thought to bring good luck. It is also believed to protect women in childbirth. It is shaped like a deformed human—big head and body, compressed limbs—and could easily be a representation of a human foetus. If you possess a label issued in 1906-07 for the Christchurch Exhibition, you will see a typical Tiki.

Maori buildings are shown on the 1906 Christchurch set (#123), the 1935 definitives (#188) and the 1940 definitives (#238-9). These were always built in accordance with rules carefully handed down from generation to generation. For instance, the door was always on the right, the window always on the left.

Beautiful carving is seen in the uprights and sometimes above the ridging in the front. To perpetuate this art, the New Zealand government has established a school where this work is continued.

Canoes were ornamented too, especially the prow. The ½d value of the Christchurch Exhibition issue of 1906 (#122) depicts "Te Arawa", one of the famous canoes that came over in 1350 A.D. The tribe that sprang from the men of this canoe still bear that name and live around Rotorua and the thermal district of the North Island.

Art also manifested itself in the clothing of the chiefs and their families. They used the fiber from the Phormium, a type of flax, which was first dyed. Sometimes against the woven background, was affixed bird feathers or dog hair, or even strips of dog skin, from the native dog which the Maori brought with him from Hawaii.

Generally only two garments were worn: a rectangular cape and a kilt around the waist. The 1955 2d Maori mail carrier shows this well, together with a native plaited bag. However, the clothes he wears would be those of a rangitara, or chief, and not those of a menial letter carrier. Sometimes a circlet was worn to keep hair or plumes in place, as shown on the 3d 1955 value (#190).

Somewhat anachronistic is the "mail carrier" stamp, as the Maori has no written language. His spoken language has been conveniently recorded phonetically in English.

The last stamp I invite you to study is the 1946 2d definitive (#250). Behold our royal family as it was then. At the side of Princess Margaret you will see a taiaha, a weapon carried only by a chief of very high rank and of proven ability and courage. It was beautifully carved, and often had a human face with eyes marked by pava shell, a kind of mother-of-pearl. It had a collar of red feathers and dog hair, and could be used as a weapon either by virtue of its sharp pointed end, or its less ornamented but very useful long thick staff. It was sometimes brandished in debate or oratory.

If you have read this far, your eyes are probably popping out and your tongue hanging out. Look in the mirror, because that is the Maori way of greeting you! He has the peculiar ability of making his eyes seem to protrude, probably by some voluntary control of the facial muscles around his eyes.

The greatly protruded tongue signifies vigor and fearlessness.

Permit me to wish you a happy and successful search through your New Zealand stamps. The Maori would say, "Good hunting" by wishing you the keen eyesight of the Miromiro bird, "Ma te kanohi miromiro".

(Editor's Note: This article by Dr. Ben Haneman of Australia was presented in the January-February 1956 issue of "The Fine Arts Philatelist". It won the first award at the 1956 convention and exhibition of the American Topical Assn. for articles appearing in bulletins sponsored by the A.T.A.)

Kunze Joins Staff At Smithsonian

Albert F. Kunze, director of the Philatelic Section of the Pan American Union for 14 years, and active in the national philatelic world for many years, has become a member of the staff of the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Philately and Postal History.

The appointment, effective December 17, has been announced by Frank A. Taylor, acting director, U. S. National Museum.

Mr. Kunze will be in charge of the postal stationery and cover section. His major responsibility will be the remounting of the famed A. Eugene Michel postal stationery holdings.

Francis J. McCall, who became senior aid to Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., curator, Division of Philately and Postal History, a year ago, is responsible for the regrouping and remounting of the United States and foreign postage stamp section of the national collection.

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